

# Livonia PTSA Council Executive Board Meeting

## August 17, 2022

In attendance: Andrea Malenfant, Mandy Gerstenbrand, Laura Ulaszek, Debbie Pline, Nikki Watson, Kevin Etue, Andrea Oquist, Chris Chmura, Sara Bennett, Nicole Dant, Mike Testa, Jon Wennstrom

In attendance via Zoom: Kellie Dummer, Lynda Scheel, Debbie Yates

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Andrea M.

Approval of the June meeting minutes: motion by Chris C., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Debbie P. Minutes, unanimously approved.

### Superintendent Report – Andrea O.

- Wrapping up hiring for the district, the majority of hiring was done last Spring
- Principals have been attending leadership training at Schoolcraft
- Principal kickoff meeting will be held on Friday
- Positive State Aid Budget was passed on 7/1
- Class size/mental health supports/interventions put in place based on the state aid budget.
- Significant increase in per-pupil funding, which has helped with staff funding
- A few Elem. teachers have been added, as well as additional hiring for specials teachers
- Add. Teachers will be added based on enrollment numbers
- Bounce back on 8/24 @ 5:00 – 8:00 at Riley, different service groups will be on hand to assist/volunteer
- First day of school on 9/6
- Within the next few years, looking at a possible pre-Labor Day start
- All elem. Teachers who were laid off have been called back, most secondary have been called back
- Welcoming ceremony tomorrow at Niji for incoming K students
- Summer sports/learning camps have been well received

### Secondary Report – Kevin E.

- Schedule release on 8/31 for HS, 8/24 for MS on parent/student connect
- MS walk-throughs next week, HS the week of 8/29
- The first day is a staggered start – 7<sup>th</sup> grade full day, 8<sup>th</sup> grade p.m. only
- 9<sup>th</sup> grade full day, 10-12<sup>th</sup> p.m. only
- 9/7 full day of school
- 9/14 HS open house, 9/22 – MS open house, 9/21CC open house, 9/14 WWSC open house
- 10-19, 10-20 parent-teacher conf. deciding between in-person vs. virtual
- New asst. Principal at EMS, the new principal at Holmes, new asst. principals at SHS
- New principal and asst. principal at CHS
- New AD's at all 3 HS
- Bond update at EMS
- New tennis courts at SHS
- CHS football season opener at the big house on 8/26

### Elementary Report – Jon W.

- Jen Wilson new principal @ Buchanan
- Several buildings at k-6 are being updated
- Kennedy, Coolidge, Randolph, and cooper being updated over the summer

Respectfully submitted by Kellie D. & Mandy G.

- New family tours on 8/24
- Open house dates are being announced to families
- Focus on academic and social-emotional efforts this year
- Buildings being renovated might need to change open house dates

## NEW BUSINESS

Budget 2022 – 2023 – Debbie P.

- Andrea M. will look into a one-year subscription for zoom
- motion to approve by Laura, second by Chris C. Budget approved unanimously

Costume Closet – Andrea M.

- 8/23 @ SHS
- 200-300 costumes donated
- District has been promoting the event
- Donations will be accepted at the event
- After Halloween, donation bins will be put at schools for next year
- Free will offerings accepted
- Track which schools' people are coming from
- Set-up @ 4:45, event starts @ 6

ELVS/Math APS update – Debbie P.

- both programs have been running well, increase in ELVS participants
- discussion regarding combining programs, since the student base is the same for both
- Debbie P. and Chris C. will run both programs combined, Patty N. will offer assistance/info

Corn Roast – Andrea M.

- 9/18 @ bicentennial park 12-4
- council will host a bake sale table (next to the foundation if possible!)

Candidate Forum - Mike T.

- 9/29 @ 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., at City Hall, the event will be recorded by City of Livonia
- 5:00 call time for setup
- all 7 cand. Have been invited, verbal confirmation from all 7
- working on the format, shorter response time to allow for more questions, looking for volunteers to submit questions
- possibilities include rotating 4 candidates per question, with the option of answering an additional 1-2 questions at the end, answering questions in writing, speed round of questions
- take printed copies to areas in the city ex: senior center
- PTA is a non-partisan group, individuals can endorse candidates, but not as a group
- Livonia TV can put the questions on the screen for those viewing at home/those in attendance
- if you're interested in helping with planning, reach out to Mike
- candidates will have a table outside the auditorium for literature

IEP Binder Event – Andrea M.

- 9/28 @ Holmes media center 6-7:30 p.m.
- Council meet and greet 10/10, 5:45 – 6:30 in the Patriot Room at BOE
- SB and cabinet members will be invited to attend

## OLD BUSINESS

Audit party in July

- all but one unit have been completed so far

Respectfully submitted by Kellie D. & Mandy G.

- Debbie P. is working with Webster to complete their audit
- Liaison contact cards have been handed out, please reach out to your units

#### MI PTA convention

- 5 council members, 3 units had members who attended
- next year 4/29-4/30 in Southfield
- special rate for early birds
- mental health panel put on by students @ convention
- Andrea M. will lead the student engagement program this year

### OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer – Debbie P. –

- \$21. Interest

Corresponding Secretary – Mike T. – No report

Recording Secretary – Kellie D. – No report

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Amanda G. – No report

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Sara B. – No report

President – Andrea M.

- Madonna University Victory Day program – special ed. students are paired with student-athletes from Madonna. Andrea has spoken with the coach and coordinator regarding having Council promote this event as well as other events during the year, ex: March is reading month

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advocacy – Mike T.

- in years past, we've sent a questionnaire out to candidates, Mike has been coordinating with Northville to compile questions. Have students submit questions for the questionnaire, reach out to student councils at the schools.

Bylaws – Nikki W.

- MI PTA changed their annual dues from June to December – Council's bylaws have been updated and uploaded to MH
- emails have been sent to Presidents and Secretary's, to explain the bylaws changes (PTSA/PTA)
- Nikki will double check the current bylaws to make sure they're correct

Chamber Liaison – Kellie D.

Clothing Depot – Lynda S.

- Andrea M. will coordinate with Lynda regarding donations from Walmart/Bluestone

Respectfully submitted by Kellie D. & Mandy G.

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion - Debbie Y

- listening session with Andrea O. and Theresa O. in June, Debbie attended sessions at the MI PTA convention – ideas and resources to share
- The equity task force met over the summer, and Debbie will start looking for DEI chairs at the unit level

ELVS - Debbie P. & Chris C

- last week of the program, 155 k-4 students, 50 volunteers
- New communications will be in place for next year
- follow-up survey will be sent to participants in the next few weeks
- Overall, positive feedback from participants/parents

Founders Day - Mandy

- date set for 2/15 @ St. Mary's
- print fewer booklets (for each nominee, a few per table)
- have students make place-setting artwork
- blessings drive
- unit recognition awards

Masterworks - Open

- materials are being stored at Cass
- check on interest level with the units

Membership - Nicole D

- 106 members, compared to 50 last year

Newsletter - Laura

- send in articles by 8/25 for the next newsletter
- new officers have been added to the email list, and Laura will add new admins

PEP – Sara B.

- units are starting to send info regarding uploading audit and 990

Reflections - Debbie Y and Monique

- Debbie will be looking for unit chairs and hold a training session soon

Website - Debbie Y and Laura

- please look at your individual pages and let Laura/Debbie know what needs to be updated

YMAD - Nikki W. and Debbie P

- information will be sent to units in Sept/Oct
- Nikki will look into chairs for units
- emails will be sent to officers and posted in the officer's forum

Motion to Adjourn at 8:31 p.m. by Andrea M.

Respectfully submitted by Kellie D. & Mandy G.